

COVID-19 Protocol for the AALC 2021 National Youth Conference

Dear Students and Families,

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Things have certainly changed from the last time we all gathered together in 2019. Businesses have closed, people are facing sickness, counties are opening and closing all the time, and much more. However, we know that there is one thing that will never change: the love that God has for us. He is a present help in time of trouble, a firm foundation to stand on, and sent His only begotten Son to die for the sins of all. Though certain aspects of life will change, our God is constant and forever.

We are so fortunate to be able to gather together again at the YMCA in Estes Park, Colorado this upcoming July. As we have been separated more than ever within the last two years, we are excited to be able to unite as brothers and sisters in Christ to enjoy fellowship, learning, and fun over our week long conference.

Due to the continuing COVID-19 concerns, we have the following protocol and precautions in place in addition to the safeguards implemented by the YMCA.

- Separate rooms have been reserved and are designated for use in the event someone within our group is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- If an individual is experiencing symptoms, a COVID-19 test will be scheduled and performed as soon as possible. A sponsor will accompany a youth to the appointment.
 - The individual experiencing symptoms will remain isolated from others until the results of the test are received.
- If any individual tests positive for COVID-19:
 - Their youth group leadership will make the necessary travel arrangements so that the individual can return via the method they are comfortable with
 - The individual will remain isolated from others and follow all other protocol
 - Those directly exposed to the individual who tested positive will continue to participate in the conference but social distancing at an even greater distance from others and follow all other protocol

Many things could change from now until July. All of this information above is subject to change pending local, state, and national guidelines.

We understand that there will be some hesitancy about sending your student(s). If we all do our part to stay healthy, then we will be able to enjoy this trip with each other. It has been a long time since we have all dwelt together in unity, and it is a blessing to be able to have the opportunity to have this conference despite having to make a few adjustments. If you have any other questions or conferences, please contact your youth leader. We pray that God blesses and keeps you in great health until we can all be together again.

In Christ,

AALC Youth Commission and Planning Team